THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF SURREBUTTAL TESTIMONY & EXHIBITS

OF

AISHA L. BUTLER
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DOCKET NO. 2017-228-S

Application of Palmetto Utilities, Incorporated for Adjustment of Rates and Charges for Customers in the Palmetto Utilities and Palmetto of Richland County Service Areas

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1 SURREBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF 2 AISHA L. BUTLER 3 ON BEHALF OF 4 THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF 5 **DOCKET NO. 2017-228-S** IN RE: APPLICATION OF PALMETTO UTILITIES, INCORPORATED FOR 6 7 ADJUSTMENT OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR CUSTOMERS IN THE 8 PALMETTO UTILITIES AND PALMETTO OF RICHLAND COUNTY SERVICE 9 **AREAS** 10 11 **YOUR** Q. **PLEASE STATE** NAME, **BUSINESS** ADDRESS, **AND** 12 OCCUPATION. 13 My name is Aisha L. Butler. My business address is 1401 Main Street, A. Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina, 29201. I am employed by the South Carolina 14 15 Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") in the Audit Department as a Senior Auditor. 16 Q. ARE YOU THE SAME AISHA BUTLER WHO PRESENTED DIRECT 17 **TESTIMONY IN THIS DOCKET?** 18 A. Yes, I pre-filed direct testimony reflecting ORS findings in this proceeding 19 on December 14, 2017. 20 WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR SURREBUTTAL TESTIMONY? Q. 21 A. The purpose of my surrebuttal testimony is to discuss the issues ORS 22 encountered while performing the audit and respond to certain issues raised in the 23 rebuttal testimony of Palmetto Utilities, Incorporated ("PUI" or "Company") witness

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Mark Daday including the adjustments to purchased power, management fees, rate case expenses, the corporate overhead allocation, property tax, the City of Columbia wastewater treatment deferral, and interest synchronization. My surrebuttal testimony will also address the amounts referenced by Mr. Daday relating to the Crabapple Lane project and land acquisition in his discussion of the non-recognition of an extraordinary retirement allowance. The impact of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act on this rate case will also be discussed in my surrebuttal testimony.

Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE ANY ISSUES THAT ORS ENCOUNTERED WHILE PERFORMING THIS AUDIT EXAMINATION.

There were a number of issues ORS encountered while performing this examination. The largest issue being the Company providing support documentation in an untimely manner. Due to the Company's timing of the filing, they proposed several adjustments that were based on estimates. It is ORS's position that utilities should only be eligible to recover known and measurable expenses which are supported by actual invoices. The Company did not provide invoices supporting increases for some of the expenses until well after ORS's direct testimony had been filed.

Another issue that ORS encountered while performing this examination involves the allocation of expenses related to the Company's corporate headquarters and customer service buildings. These 2 buildings service other Ni Pacolet companies in addition to PUI. During the last PUI rate case (Docket No. 2013-42-S), ORS identified expenses and plant items related to the corporate headquarters and customer service buildings that should have been allocated but

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1		were instead being booked directly to PUI. Again, in the current case, the Company				
2		only proposed an allocation of rent expense associated with the customer service				
3		building and failed to allocate or propose an allocation for any other expenses				
4		related to the two buildings. Some of those expenses include purchased water,				
5		purchased power, telephone, internet, office supplies, office maintenance, and				
6		technical support fees. Some of the plant items that needed to be allocated include				
7		office furniture, an AC Unit, a vehicle, and network upgrades.				
8	Q.	WHAT IS ORS'S POSITION REGARDING THE PURCHASED POWER				
9		ADJUSTMENT UPDATE PROPOSED BY MR. DADAY IN HIS				
10		REBUTTAL TESTIMONY?				
11	A.	Subsequent to the filing of ORS's direct testimony, the Company provided				
12		a more recent set of invoices reflecting the purchased power expenses from				
13		November 2017 to December 2017. After removing nonallowable expenses and				
14		allocable expenses, ORS calculated annualized allowable expenses totaling				
15		\$1,120,308. This amount less the \$768,277 per book amount results in an updated				
16		adjustment of \$352,031 which is reflected in ORS's Audit Surrebuttal Exhibits.				
17	Q.	WHAT IS ORS'S POSITION REGARDING THE MANAGEMENT FEE				
18		ADJUSTMENT UPDATE PROPOSED BY MR. DADAY IN HIS				
19		REBUTTAL TESTIMONY?				
20	A.	ORS originally proposed not to adjust management fees as the new contract				
21		amendment with ESG Operations, Inc. ("ESG") had not yet been signed and the				
22		contract increase, effective January 2018, had not yet been negotiated. The				

Company originally requested an adjustment based on an estimated 2.75% increase.

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However, subsequent to ORS's filing of direct testimony, the Company provided a
signed amendment to the contract reflecting a 2% negotiated increase. ORS agrees
that the Company's proposed 2% increase would result in an additional \$41,347 in
management fees. This updated adjustment is reflected in ORS's Audit Surrebuttal
Exhibits.
ORS does not agree with the Company's proposal to add \$42,000 associated
with the salary of an additional belt press operator. The Company did not propose
to include this additional position in its filed application nor has the Company
provided any support documentation to ORS proving that this newly created
position has been filled. Therefore, ORS does not consider this additional proposed
expense to be known and measurable.

Q. WHAT IS ORS'S POSITION REGARDING THE UPDATED RATE CASE EXPENSES PUT FORTH BY MR. DADAY IN HIS REBUTTAL TESTIMONY?

Subsequent to ORS's established cutoff date of November 16, 2017 ("cutoff date") the Company provided additional rate case expenses. ORS has reviewed the invoices and supports an additional \$66,049 in allowable rate case expenses. Subsequent to ORS's filing of direct testimony, the Company provided updated support documentation for an additional \$44,550 of rate case expense originally disallowed by ORS due to the invoice not sufficiently detailing the work performed by the vendor. Upon review, ORS deemed the updated support documentation to be sufficient and has updated the rate case expense adjustment to include this expense in addition to the \$66,049 of additional rate case expenses provided by the

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Company. ORS also does not object to the Company's proposal to reduce the
amortization period for rate case expenses from 5 years to 3 years. The updated
total of \$202,257 in rate case expenses amortized over 3 years less the per book
amount of \$34,959 yields an ORS adjustment of \$32,460. This updated adjustment
is reflected in the Audit Surrebuttal Exhibits.

ORS recognizes that the Company will continue to incur expenses up to and through the hearing. ORS does not object to an additional update to rate case expenses subject to ORS verification.

WHAT IS ORS'S POSITION REGARDING THE DISALLOWED CAPITALIZED LABOR AND CONTRACT ISSUE RAISED BY MR. DADAY IN HIS REBUTTAL TESTIMONY?

Mr. Daday proposes to include the portion of capitalized labor and ESG Operations, Inc. contract ("contract") disallowed from proforma plant, in with the miscellaneous overhead expense to be allocated as a part of the ORS adjustment 3L. ORS adjustment 3L allocates overhead expenses incurred during the 12 months ending March 31, 2017 ("test year"). The amount of capitalized labor and contract ORS disallowed was included by the Company as a part of its proposed proforma plant. Proforma plant additions occur outside of the test year. If ORS included the portion of disallowed proforma capitalized labor and contract in the miscellaneous test year overhead expenses to be allocated, ORS would be including more than 100% of the Company's capitalized labor and contract amount for the test year. Therefore, ORS does not propose to include the disallowed proforma capitalized labor and contract in overhead expenses.

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1 Q. HOW DID ORS CALCULATE THE AMOUNT OF CAPITALIZED LABOR 2 AND CONTRACT TO DISALLOW FROM PROFORMA PLANT?

The Company's property records through the end of the test year showed the portion of the monthly capitalized labor and contract amounts allocated to individual plant items. However, the Company did not allocate the monthly proforma capitalized labor and contract amounts to specific proforma plant items. In order to assign an amount of capitalized labor and contract to the nonallowable proforma plant items, ORS applied the percentage of nonallowables in each of the Company's proposed proforma plant schedules to the total proposed proforma capitalized labor and contract amount included in each schedule. As a result, ORS proposed to remove a total of \$125,078 of capitalized labor and contract from proforma plant. The capitalized labor and contract amounts were assigned a 30 year useful life by the ORS Utility Rates Department which results in a disallowance of \$4,169 of depreciation expense associated with the proforma capitalized labor and contract amounts proposed by the Company.

WHAT IS ORS'S POSITION REGARDING THE PROPOSED CHANGE IN ALLOCATION OF THE TAP FEE COORDINATOR SALARY AND INCLUSION OF PREVIOUSLY DISALLOWED TANGIBL EXPENSES IN THE CALCULATION OF ORS ADJUSTMENT 3L?

ORS agrees with the Company's proposal that the salary of the Tap Fee Coordinator should only be allocated to PUI. ORS has adjusted its original calculation of adjustment 3L to include this change which results in an additional overhead expense of \$9,900.

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In direct testimony ORS originally disallowed \$45,000 in Tangibl Group,
Inc. ("Tangibl") expenses due to a lack of detail of the work performed by the
vendor and/or services being performed outside the test year. On Monday, January
8, 2018, the Company provided ORS with updated support documentation for
expenses related to work performed by Tangibl. Upon review, ORS determined the
updated support documentation provided for \$30,000 of the \$45,000 of Tangibl
expenses to be sufficient and has updated the miscellaneous overhead allocation
adjustment to include this expense. The remaining \$15,000 not included by ORS
was for services performed outside of the test year. Inclusion of the allowable
Tangibl expenses results in additional overhead expenses of \$21,652 for PUI. The
change in allocation of the Tap Fee Coordinator salary and the inclusion of the
updated Tangibl expenses results in a total additional overhead expense of \$31,552.
This brings ORS's total adjustment 3L to \$2,321,474, which is reflected in ORS's
Audit Surrebuttal Exhibits.

Q. WHAT IS ORS'S POSITION REGARDING THE PROPERTY TAX ISSUES RAISED BY MR. DADAY IN HIS REBUTTAL TESTIMONY?

ORS agrees with the Company's proposed change to the calculation of property taxes. The accumulated amortization of contributions in aid of construction ("CIAC") should be included in the net plant calculation used in the computation of ORS's property tax adjustment. ORS has updated the property tax adjustment to include the amortization of CIAC in the net plant calculation. This results in a \$754,350 increase to ORS's original property tax adjustment which is reflected in ORS's Audit Surrebuttal Exhibits.

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1	Q.	WHAT IS ORS'S POSITION REGARDING THE UPDATE TO THE CITY
2		OF COLUMBIA WASTEWATER TREATMENT DEFERRAL MR. DADAY
3		PROPOSES IN HIS REBUTTAL TESTIMONY?

ORS's original adjustment accounted for actual expenses through part of August 2017 which was the most recent invoice provided by the Company as of the ORS cutoff date. Subsequent to the filing of ORS's direct testimony, the Company provided 3 additional City of Columbia invoices for wastewater treatment through part of October 2017. The inclusion of these invoices results in an additional deferral amount of \$380,689 which brings the total updated deferral amount to \$3,903,594. This amount, amortized over 7 years, results in an adjustment of \$557,656. ORS Witness Willie Morgan addresses the calculation of the base wastewater treatment costs billed by the City of Columbia in his surrebuttal testimony.

DOES ORS AGREE WITH THE AMOUNTS PUT FORTH IN MR.

DADAY'S REBUTTAL TESTIMONY IN RELATION TO THE REMOVAL

OF THE CRABAPPLE LANE PROJECT AND CRABAPPLE LANE LAND

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ORS agrees with the total amount of Crabapple Lane related costs removed from plant as stated in Mr. Daday's surrebuttal testimony. Per recommendation of the Utility Rates Department, ORS removed \$217,119 in plant related to the Crabapple Lane project and \$200,063 for the adjoining land acquisition totaling \$417,182. The accumulated depreciation corresponding to the Crabapple Lane project as of December 31, 2017 was \$6,835 resulting in a net amount of \$210,284.

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1	The \$210,284 net value of the Crabapple Lane project plus the \$200,063 value of
2	the adjoining land acquisition totals \$410,347 of net plant removed by ORS.

3 Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THE TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT IMPACTS 4 THIS RATE CASE.

Subsequent to the filing of ORS's direct testimony, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act was passed. For the purposes of this rate case, the act lowers the federal corporate income tax rate to 21%. ORS has updated the federal tax rate from the 34% proposed by the Company in its application to the 21%. This change is reflected in the calculation of federal and state income taxes in Audit Surrebuttal Exhibit ALB-4.

The change in the federal corporate income tax rate also changes the balance in the Company's accumulated deferred income tax account. The accumulated deferred income tax ("ADIT") account is a reserve account to which a utility books the differences between depreciation expense resulting from the use of straight line depreciation for book purposes and accelerated depreciation for tax purposes. For the purposes of regulatory accounting, a liability balance in a reserve ADIT account is treated as a reduction to rate base. Per the Company, the restated test year ending balance in its ADIT account, reflective of the 21% federal corporate tax rate is (\$1,670,926). This results in an adjustment of \$1,034,383 to the Company's original (\$2,705,309) ADIT per book amount.

As part of the Company's application, it proposed to adjust its deferred income taxes to reflect its proposed proforma plant additions. In order to calculate its proposed adjustment, the Company calculated the difference in depreciation

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between accelerated tax depreciation and straight line book depreciation of proforma plant. The Company then applied a composite tax rate of 37.3% to the difference in depreciation.

For the purposes of regulatory accounting, ORS zeroed out the deferred income tax account in adjustment 6C, and included the balance in the reserve ADIT account in rate base. For the purposes of surrebuttal, ORS calculated its adjustment to ADIT for proforma plant using the Company's proposed methodology updated to reflect ORS's calculated proforma plant and a composite tax rate of 24.95%. The composite tax rate of 24.95% reflects the new 21% federal corporate income tax rate as established by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. This resulted in an adjustment to ADIT of (\$386,616), and when netted with the \$1,034,383 adjustment made to reflect the Company's restated ADIT per book amount, yields an ORS adjustment to ADIT of \$647,767. This adjustment is reflected in the computation of rate base used in the calculation of synchronized interest expense in Audit Surrebuttal Exhibit ALB-5.

ORS recognizes there are other components of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. For the purposes of this rate case, ORS has only accounted for the change in the federal corporate income tax rate. ORS reserves the right to implement other components of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act in future rate case proceedings once a more thorough review of the act has been performed by ORS.

Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE CALCULATION OF ORS'S INTEREST EXPENSE ADJUSTMENT IN AUDIT SURREBUTTAL EXHIBIT ALB-5.

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1	A.	ORS used interest synchronization to calculate the interest expense
2		adjustment in Audit Surrebuttal Exhibit ALB-5. This method allows a utility to
3		recover financing costs by synchronizing its interest expense with the debt portion
4		of its rate base. This method prevents a utility from recovering from ratepayers
5		interest on funds borrowed for reasons other than financing rate base related costs.
6		ORS's proposed interest expense adjustment is calculated using a total rate
7		base of \$81,703,849, a 45% debt and 55% equity capital structure, and a 4.84%
8		weighted average cost of debt. ORS applied the weighted average cost of debt to 45%
9		of the Company's rate base to generate the Company's synchronized interest
10		expense. ORS then subtracted the Company's per book interest expense yielding an
11		adjustment of (\$365,764). ORS witness Douglas Carlisle further discusses the capital
12		structure and weighted average cost of debt in his surrebuttal testimony.
13	Q.	HAS THIS METHOD OF CALCULATING INTEREST EXPENSE BEEN
14		APPROVED BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH
15		CAROLINA ("PSC" OR "COMMISSION") IN THE PAST?
16	A.	Yes. It is important to note that at one time the Commission did not allow
17		water and sewer utilities to include interest expense in the calculation of operating
18		margin. In Order No. 92-84 issued by the PSC in the Midlands Utility, Inc. rate
19		case (Docket No. 90-528-S) it states, "The Commission adopts the Staff's
20		recommendation to synchronize the Company's annualized interest expense to the
21		debt portion of its rate base. Unlike its prior practice of prohibiting a water and/or
22		sewer utility from recovering any interest expense from its ratepayers, the

Commission concludes that interest synchronization equitably allocates interest

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1		expense between investor and ratepayers." The order also sites previous water and				
2		sewer proceedings in which the PSC had approved interest synchronization				
3		including "Carolina Water Service, Inc., Wild Dunes Inc., Woodland Utilities, Inc.,				
4		Heater of Seabrook, Inc., Heater Utilities, Inc. and Lake Moultrie Water Company."				
5		The order goes on to state that, "whether a utility's debt is more or less than its rate				
6		base is irrelevant to interest synchronization. The relevant consideration in the				
7		determination of interest synchronization is whether the debt incurred by a utility				
8		is reflected as an investment in its rate base."				
9		ORS has used interest synchronization to calculate the interest expense				
10		adjustment in water and wastewater operating margin rate cases including the				
11		recent Kiawah Island Utility, Inc. (Docket No. 2016-222-WS) and Harbor Island				
12		Utilities, Inc. (Docket No. 2016-29-WS) rate cases which were approved and				
13		ordered by the PSC.				
14	Q.	PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW ORS'S INTEREST EXPENSE ADJUSTMENT				
15		WAS CALCULATED IN THE LAST PUI RATE CASE?				
16	A.	ORS used interest synchronization to calculate the interest expense				
17		adjustment in the last PUI rate case (Docket No. 2013-42-S).				
18	Q.	OTHER THAN THE ADJUSTMENTS TO ADIT, WERE THERE ANY				
19		OTHER CHANGES MADE TO THE CALCULATION OF ORS'S				
20		INTEREST EXPENSE ADJUSTMENT?				
21	A.	Yes. Due to the increases in operating expenses included by ORS, rate base				
22		was increased due to cash working capital. Also, the incorrect per book interest				
23		expense was used in the calculation of adjustment 8 filed in my direct testimony. The				

9 Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?

10 **A.** Yes.

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Palmetto Utilities, Inc. Docket No. 2017-228-S **Operating Experience & Operating Margin** For the Test Year Ended March 31, 2017 **Wastewater Operations**

Audit Surrebuttal Exhibit ALBECTRONG Palmetto Utilities, Inc. Docket No. 2017-228-S Operating Experience & Operating Margin For the Test Year Ended March 31, 2017 Wastewater Operations						
	(1) Application Per	(2) Accounting & Pro Forma	(3) After Accounting & Pro Forma	(4) Proposed	ED - 2018 Jan (5) After Proposed	
Description	Books	Adjustments	Adjustments	Increase	Proposed⊆ Increase ⊇	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
<u>Utility Operating Revenues:</u>					12	
Wastewater Sales Revenues	14,874,059	184,101 (1)	15,058,160	11,138,505 (10)	26,196,66 5	
Other Wastewater Revenues	1,382,353	<u> </u>	1,382,353	(431,038) (11)	951,3 辰	
Total Utility Operating Revenues	16,256,412	184,101	16,440,513	10,707,467	27,147,98	
Utility Operating Expenses:					SC	
Operating Expenses	5,913,958	1,924,685 (3)	7,838,643	267,687 (12)	8,106,330	
Depreciation and Amortization	1,637,601	1,580,752 (4)	3,218,353	207,087 (12) 0	3,218,35(3)	
Taxes Other Than Income Taxes	534,626	2,520,612 (5)	3,055,238	56,125 (13)	3,111,36 <u>3</u>	
Income Taxes	2,918,256	(2,781,338) (6)	136,918	2,590,722 (14)	2,727,64	
	2,710,230	(2,701,330)	150,916	2,370,722 (17)	2,727,04 0	
Total Utility Operating Expenses	11,004,441	3,244,711	14,249,152	2,914,534	17,163,68	
Total Net Utility Operating Income (Loss)	5,251,971	(3,060,610)	2,191,361	7,792,933	9,984,29	
Other Income and Deductions	(1,272,663)	1,272,663 (7)	0	0	7,5	
Less: Interest Expense	2,145,274	(365,764) (8)	1,779,510	0	1,779,51 %	
Add: Customer Growth	0	41,667 (9)	41,667	_		
Aud. Oustonior Grown		41,007	41,007	148,174 (15)	189,84	
Net Income for Margin	4,379,360	(3,925,842)	453,518	7,941,107	8,394,625	
Operating Margin	26.94%		2.76%		30.92%	

Palmetto Utilities, Inc. Docket No. 2017-228-S Explanation of Accounting and Pro Forma Adjustments For the Test Year Ended March 31, 2017

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	PUI		_	Sewer	Ope	rations
Adj. #	Adj.	# Description		ORS		PUI
	Acco	unting and Pro forma Adjustments				
(1)	(18)	Wastewater Sales Revenues To adjust sales revenues to reflect the present rates as calculated by the ORS Utility Rates Department.	\$ =	184,101	\$ =	(33,050)
(2)	&	Other Wastewater Revenues To adjust commercial revenues to reflect the present rates as calculated by the ORS Utility Rates Department.	\$ _	0	\$ =	(522,890)
(3)		Operating Expenses				
(3A)	(8)	To adjust purchased wastewater expense to include the amortization of deferred City of Columbia wastewater treatment costs.				
			\$	557,656	\$	511,775
(3B)	(9)	To adjust purchased wastewater treatment to reflect the elimination of City of Columbia billing for wastewater treatment.		(927,258)		(927,258)
(3C)	(5)	To adjust sludge removal expense based on the increase in flow at the wastewater treatment plant.		1,614		159,929
(3D)	(2)	To adjust purchased power expense to reflect the increase in electricity usage related to the new lift stations.		352,031		524,939
(3E)	(3)	To adjust chemical expense to reflect the increase of flow at the wastewater treatment plant.		0		55,830
(3F)	(21)	To adjust contract services related to management fees.		41,347		56,503
(3G)	(4)	To adjust contract services related to testing to reflect the increase in cost per service provider estimates.		0		5,042
(3H)	(9)	To adjust other contract services to reflect the elimination of City of Columbia billing for meter reading.		(69,192)		(69,192)
(3I)	(6)	To adjust rent expense to reflect a reduction in rent for the portion allocated to Alpine, Woodlands, and Ni Florida. ORS has included rent expense along with other expenses directly booked to PUI in the calculation of Adjustment 3L, the allocation of corporate overhead				
		expenses.		0		(8,384)
(3J)	(7)	To adjust amortization of rate case expenses.		32,460		45,693
(3K)	(11)	To adjust bad debt expense using a 2.5% bad debt percentage. The percentage was provided by the ORS Utility Rates Department.		1,902		(2,701)

Palmetto U **Explanation of A** For the Test Year Ended March 31, 2017

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Accounting and Pro Forma Adju	stments	

ORS	PUI		Sewer Operations							
Adj.#	Adj.	# Description		ORS		PUI				
(3L)	(15)	To adjust miscellaneous expenses to include allocated corporate overhead, rent expense, and other expenses directly booked to PUI that need to be allocated.		2,321,474		2,378,220				
(3M)		To remove nonallowable expenses.		(222,673)		0				
(3N)	•	To reclass expenses directly booked to PUI related to the main office and customer service buildings to corporate overhead expenses to be allocated (ORS Adjustment 3L).		(137,873)		0				
(30)		To remove expenses that should be capitalized.		(26,803)		0				
(3)		Total Operating Expenses	\$	1,924,685	\$	2,730,396				
(4)		Depreciation and Amortization								
(4A)	(10)	To adjust depreciation expense to reflect new capital expenditures and other adjustments to plant in service.	\$	1,502,211	\$	2,461,543				
(4B)	(10)	To adjust amortization of CIAC.		78,541		114,362				
(4)		Total Depreciation and Amortization	\$	1,580,752	\$	2,575,905				
(5)		Taxes Other Than Income								
(5A)		To adjust utility regulatory assessment fees after the accounting and proforma adjustments using a factor of 0.005241690.	\$	(2,212)	\$	0				
(5B)	(1)	To adjust property taxes to reflect new capital expenditures and adjusted plant in service.		2,522,824		2,625,233				
(5)		Total Taxes Other Than Income	\$	2,520,612	\$	2,625,233				
(6)		Income Taxes								
(6A)	(14)	To adjust federal income taxes on proforma income at 21%.	\$	(1,680,888)	\$	(4,335,227)				
(6B)	(13)	To adjust state income taxes on proforma income at 5%.		(226,772)		(648,151)				
(6C)	(22)	To exclude deferred income taxes from the proforma revenue requirement.		(873,678)		543,236				
(6)		<u>Total Income Taxes</u>	\$	(2,781,338)	\$	(4,440,142)				
(7)		Other Income and Deductions								
(7A)	(16)	To reverse losses on disposition of property.	\$	(24,084)	\$	(24,084)				

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ORS	PUI		Sewer (Op	erations
Adj.#	Adj.	# Description	ORS		PUI
(7B)	(17)	To exclude AFUDC from the pro-forma revenue requirement.	1,296,747		1,296,747
(7)		Total Other Income and Deductions	\$ 1,272,663	\$	1,272,663
(8)	(12)	<u>Interest Expense</u> To synchronize interest expense with the portion of rate base financed by debt.	\$ (365,764)	\$	1,617,604
(9)	. 0	<u>Customer Growth</u> To adjust for customer growth based on the total net utility operating income after accounting and proforma adjustments. The customer growth factor is 1.90140%.	\$ 41,667	\$	0
	Prop	osed Increase			
(10)	(23)	Wastewater Sales Revenues To adjust sales revenues to reflect the proposed rates as calculated by the ORS Utility Rates Department.	\$ 11,138,505	\$	11,392,065
(11)	•	Other Wastewater Revenues To adjust commercial revenues to reflect the proposed rates as calculated by the ORS Utility Rates Department.	\$ (431,038)	\$	0
(12)	(24)	Operating Expenses To adjust bad debt expense using a 2.5% bad debt percentage. The percentage was provided by the ORS Utility Rates Department.	\$ 267,687	\$	284,802
(13)	(25)	Taxes Other Than Income To adjust utility regulatory assessment fees after the proposed increase adjustments using a factor of 0.005241690.	\$ 56,125	\$	61,517
(14)		Income Taxes			
(14A)	(27)	To adjust federal income taxes on the proposed increase income at 21%.	\$ 2,071,539	\$	3,567,776
(14B)	(26)	To adjust state income taxes on the proposed increase income at 5%.	519,183		552,287
(14)		Total Income Taxes	\$ 2,590,722	\$	4,120,063
(15)	•	Customer Growth Adjustment To adjust for customer growth based on the total net utility operating income after the proposed increase. The customer growth factor is 1.90140%.	\$ 148,174	\$	0

Computation of Depreciation and Amortization Expense

				-	17-228-S nd Amortization Exp	ense					Aud	it Surrebuttal Ex
	i	2	Fo. 3	or the Test Year Ende	d March 31, 2017	4	2	ø		4		
	PUI Filed	PUI	PUI Adjusted	ORS	ORS	ORS	ORS	ORS 8	ORS	ORS Plant	- 11	12
	Per Book Plant	Per Book	Per Book Plant		Nonallowables	Current	Capitalized	Proforma Plant	Proforma Retirements	in Service		Depreciation
Account Description	in Service at 3/31/17 \$		in Service at 3/31/17		from Last Case	Nonallowables	Expenses	at 11/16/2017	at 11/16/17	at 11/16/2017	Service Life	Expense
lant in Service	•	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	s	\$		\$
B 4 - 0 - 0												
ollection System												
ccount 360.2 Collection Sewers - Force												
PVC - 4" to 30" - Fully Depreciated	22,097		22,097	(30)	1625	(22,097)	- 2				FD	FD
PVC - 4" to 30"	4,264,586	9,748	4.274,334	(4)	*	(111,629)		58,606	7	4,221,311	.30	140,710
DIP - 4" to 30" Air Release Manholes	442,033	-	442,033	-	1.0	(293,424)	-	-	-	148,609	30	4,954
Total Account 360,2	99,816 4,828,532	9,748	99,816 4,838,280	27.1	8.53	(#)	-	*		99,816	30 _	3,327
Total Account 500,2	4,040,334	9,746	4,838,280	•	•	(427,150)	-	58,606	•	4,469,736		148,991
Account 361.2 Collection Sewers - Gravity												
PVC - 4" to 30" - Fully Depreciated	40,068	-	40,068	3.43	0.00	(40,068)		2.0	121		FD	FD
PVC - 4" to 30"	41,415,556	(503,937)	40,911,619		232	(16,107,385)	14	30,844,795		55,649,029	45	1,236,645
DIP ~ 8" to 24"	2,470,840	177,339	2,648,179	-		(830,612)	-			1,817.567	45	40,390
Manholes - Fully Depreciated	275,507	-	275,507	123,702		(399,209)	0				FD	FD
Manholes Total Account 361.2	18,478,651	170,005	18,648,656	(123,702)	3.8.5	(7,667,065)	19	10,633	120	10,868,522	30 _	362,284
a resea e debetrante 2011. A	62,680,622	(156,593)	62,524,029	•	-	(25,044,339)	•	30,855,428	-	68,335,118		1,639,319
Account 363.2 Services to Customers												
Services - Fully Depreciated	18,455	-	18,455	33,717	343	(52,172)		20			FD	FI)
Services	4.907,585	9,373	4,916,958	(33,717)	(4,234)	(2,589,994)	1,740	12,456		2,303,209	38	60,611
Elder Valves	1,657,951	29,695	1,687,646	200	-	29		80	14	1,687,646	38	44,412
Grease Traps Total Assuret 363.2	13,015	530	13,545	-	-			=		13,545	38 _	356
Total Account 363.2	6,597,006	39,598	6,636,604	<u>-</u>	(4,234)	(2,642,166)	1,740	12,456	•	4,004,400	_	105,379
ecount 364.2, Flow Measuring Devices	43,856	-	43.856	39	-		14		12	43,856	4	8,771
TALC BAR Plant										*3,0,00	÷-	0,771
Total Collection Plant	74,150,016	(107,247)	74,042,769	•	(4,234)	(28,113,655)	1,740	30,926,490	-	76,853,110		1,902,460
imping Plant												
ecount 354.3 Structures and Improvements _Fully Depreciated	194,623	7.	194,623	49,822		(244,445)	_	41	_		FD	FD
account 354,3 Structures and Improvements	3,752,683	- 2	3,752,683	(49,822)	5.57	(302,952)		4,478,460	(183,936)	7,694,433	32	240,451
account 371.3 Pumping Equipment - Fully Depreciated	-	2		1,597,752		(682,347)	-	-	-	915,405	FD	FD
ecount 371.3 Pumping Equipment	8,847,339	22,301	8,869,640	(1,597,752)		(847,828)		72,332	(544,172)		18 _	329,675
Total Pumping Plant	12,794,645	22,301	12,816,946			/A APR 584					_	
A vent i uniping I tent	12,774,043	22,301	12,610,940	-	•	(2,077,572)	•	4,550,792	(728,108)	14,562,058		570,126
reatment and Disposal Plant												
262 41 1 11 10 1	ću. 20.	.0.00 5000								-		
account 353.4 Land and Land Rights account 354.4 Structures and Improvements	691,324 1,505,923	(262,599)	428,725	(¥	-	9	****	£.	72	428,725	N/D	19
ecount 355.4 Power Generating Equipment	533,941	17,737 (73)	1,523,660 533,868				18,656	11,741		1,554,057	32	48,564
ecount 371.4 Pumping Equipment - Fully Depreciated	74,191	(7,5)	74,191	250,245		18	-	**		533,868 324,436	20 FD	26,693 FD
ecount 371.4 Pumping Equipment	655,348		655,348	(250,245)				26	2	405,103	18	21,963
ccount 380.4 Treat, and Disp Fully Depreciated	115,158	*	115,158	1,523,809	34			_	£	1,638,967	FD	FD FD
account 380.4 Treatment and Disposal Equipment	10,244,686	1,383	10,246,069	(1,523,809)		(136,668)	*	15,719,191		24,304,783	18	1,348,187 *
count 381.4 Plant Sewers	462,441	-	462,441		(5)	8	20	58		462,441	35	13,213
account 382,4 Outfall Sewer Lines - Fully Depreciated account 382,4 Outfall Sewer Lines	1,670,359		1 470 750	110,385			4 445	10.622.111	Ø	110,385	FD	FD
account 389.4 Other Pit and Misc, Eq Fully Depreciated	540,871	*	1,670,359 540,871	(110,385)	100		4,692	19,522,188	-	21,086,854	30	702,895
account 389.4 Other Pit and wise, 124, - Purry repreciated	1,159,051		1,159,051	-			-	_		1,159,051	FD 18	FD 64 302
			***************************************		· -					1,139,031	10 _	64,392
Total Treatment and Disposal Plant	17,653,293	(243,552)	17,409,741	-	-	(136,668)	23,348	35,253,120	-	52,549,541		2,225,907
eneral Plant	· v											
	(5											
ecount 353,7 Land and Land Rights	1,331,796	262,599	1,594,395	22	12	(253,509)		7,277		1,348,163	N/D	
ecount 354.7 Structures and Improvements												
Structures and Improvements	41,111	-	41,111		(8,270)			16.		32,841	27	1,216
Structures and Improvements - 1710 Woodcreek	650,000		650,000		-	(180,869)				469,131	35	1,216
Leasehold Improvements - Other	138,928	-	138,928	2	(34,504)	(29,057)	1,238	12	3	76,605	22	3,482
Leasehold Improvements - Paving - Fully Depreciated	3,716	-	3,716		(3.716)			(*)	<u> </u>	- 2	FD _	FD
Total Account 354.7	833,755	_	833,755	_	(46,490)	/200 0261	1 220			Fan can		-
	033,133	-	633,733	-	(40,470)	(209,926)	1,238		-	578,577		18,102

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10 PUI Filed PUI PUI Adjusted ORS ORS ORS ORS ORS ORS **ORS Plant** Per Book Plant Per Book Per Book Plant Fully Depreciated Nonallowables Current Capitalized Proforma Plant Proforma Retirements in Service Account Description in Service at 3/31/17 Adjustments in Service at 3/31/17 Adjustments from Last Case Nonallowables Expenses at 11/16/2017 at 11/16/17 at 11/16/2017 Service Life \$ S \$ 2 Account 390.7 Office Furniture and Equipment 3 Furniture and Equipment - Fully Depreciated 20,307 20,307 Furniture and Equipment 66,367 66,367 (20,307)(1,381)(2,098)42,581 Computers - Fully Depreciated 112,616 112,616 112,616 Computers 219,037 219,037 (1,500) (9,062)1,560 210,035 31,128 * Total Account 390.7 398,020 398,020 (2,881) (11,160) 1,560 385,539 33,903 10 Account 391.7 Transportation Equipment - Fully Depreciated 15,350 15,350 FD FD 11 Account 391,7 Transportation Equipment 125,779 125,779 (15.350)381,215 491,644 81,941 6 12 Account 392.7 Stores Equipment 3,171 3,171 3,171 18 176 13 Account 393.7 Tools, Shop and Garage Equip. - Fully Depreciated 14,160 14,160 FD FD 14 Account 393.7 Tools, Shop and Garage Equipment 116,973 116,973 (14,160) 7,466 110,279 16 6,892 15 Account 394.7 Laboratory Equipment 20,193 20,193 2,436 22,629 15 1,509 16 Account 395,7 Power Operated Equipment 211,489 211,489 46,260 257,749 12 21,479 17 Account 396.7 Communication Equipment 53,680 (3.531)50,149 (3,706)52,531 98,974 10 9.897 18 Account 397.7 Miscellaneous Equipment 14,879 14,879 14,879 10 1,488 19 Account 398.7 Other Tangible Plant - Water Force Main 23,833 23,833 23,833 30 794 20 Account 398.7 Other Tangible Plant - Other 177,411 177,411 177,411 17,741 21 22 **Total General Plant** 3,310,979 259,068 3,570,047 (53,077) (474,595) 1,238 498,745 3,542,358 193,922 23 24 **Total Plant in Service** 107,908,933 (69,430) 107,839,503 (57,311) ** (30,802,490) 26,326 71,229,147 (728,108) 147,507,067 4,892,415 3,390,204

Accumulated Depreciation as of 12/31/17

Adjustment 4A

(32,929,140)

1,502,211

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	PUI Filed	PUI	PUI Adjusted	ORS	ORS	ORS	ORS CIAC		
	Per Book	Per Book	Per Book	Fully Amortized	Current	Proforma	in Service		Amortization
Account Description	CIAC at 3/31/17	Adjustments	CIAC at 3/31/17	Adjustments	Nonallowables	Retirements at 11/16/17	at 11/16/2017	Service Life	Expense
1 CIAC	\$	\$	\$	\$	S	\$	\$		\$
3 Collection System									
4 5 Account 360.2 Collection Sewers - Force									
6 PVC - 4" to 30"	(2,866,155)		12 000 100						
7 DIP - 4" to 30"	(131,213)		(2,866,155) (131,213)		150		(2,866,155)	30	(95,539)
8 Air Release Manholes	(8,362)	-	(8,362)	-	141		(131,213)	30	(4,374)
9 Total Account 360.2	(3,005,730)	-	(3,005,730)	-		10	(8,362)	30	(279)
0			.,,,,,				(0,000,100,		(100,172)
Account 361.2 Collection Sewers - Gravity									
2 PVC - 4" to 30"	(19,520,545)	439,580	(19,080,965)	-	141	12	(19,080,965)	45	(424,021)
3 DIP - 8" to 24" 4 Manboles	(1,629,970)	(177,339)	(1,807,309)		(40)	15-	(1,807,309)	45	(40,162)
	(9,466,948)	(166,815)	(9,633,763)		(-6)	- 9	(9,633,763)	30	(321,125)
5 Total Account 361.2	(30,617,463)	95,426	(30,522,037)	-	-	•	(30,522,037)		(785,308)
7 Account 363.2 Services to Customers									
8 Services	(2,075,597)	(65,732)	(2,141,329)		190	12	(2,141,329)	38	(56,351)
9 Elder Valves	(1,543,546)	(29,694)	(1,573,240)		200		(1,573,240)	38	(41,401)
0 Grease Traps	(8,609)	-	(8,609)		2.00		(8,609)	38	(227)
1 Total Account 363.2	(3,627,752)	(95,426)	(3,723,178)				(3,723,178)	.10	(97,979)
2							(0)12012707		(21,272)
3 Account 364.2, Flow Measuring Devices 4	(27,635)		(27,635)		(4)	12	(27,635)	5_	(5,527)
Total Collection Plant	(37,278,580)		(37,278,580)				(37,278,580)		(989,006)
6 7 Pumping Plant									
8									
9 Account 354.3 Structures and Improvements	(3.092,289)		(3,092,289)	1.5		164,109	(2,928,180)	32	(91,506)
D Account 371.3 Pumping Equipment - Fully Amortized		5	-	(798.493)			(798,493)	FA	FA
Account 371.3 Pumping Equipment	(4,923,009)	21,580	(4,901,429)	798,493	(4)	320,028	(3,782,908)	18_	(209,216)
Total Pumping Plant	(8,015,298)	21,580	(7,993,718)	-	-	484,137	(7,509,581)		(300,722)
Treatment and Disposal Plant									
5									
7 Account 353.4 Land and Land Rights	(222,033)	*	(222,033)		14		(222,033)	N/D	
8 Account 354.4 Structures and Improvements	(793,474)		(793,474)	*	-	12	(793,474)	32	(24,796)
9 Account 355.4 Power Generating Equipment	(220,632)	2,758	(217,874)		7.5		(217,874)	20	(10,894)
Account 371.4 Pumping Equipment - Fully Amortized	(16,240)		(16,240)	(111,727)	25	85	(127,967)	FA	FA
1 Account 371.4 Pumping Equipment	(401,006)	2	(401,006)	111,727	100		(289,279)	18	(15,739)
2 Account 380.4 Treatment and Disposal Equip Fully Amortized		-		(683,661)			(683,661)	FΛ	FA
3. Account 380.4 Treatment and Disposal Equipment 4. Account 381.4 Plant Sewers	(5,708,046)	29,152	(5,678,894)	683,661	88	-	(4,995,233)	18	(276,189)
5 Account 382.4 Outfall Sewer Lines - Fully Amortized	(333,087)	-	(333,087)	(22.141)	3	82	(333,087)	35	(9,517)
6 Account 382.4 Outfall Sewer Lines	(275,382)	-	(275,382)	(23,161)		9	(23,161)	FA	FA
7 Account 389.4 Other Plant and Miscellaneous Equip Fully Amortized	(475,562)		(2/5,382)				(252,221)	.30	(8,407)
Account 389.4 Other Plant and Miscellaneous Equip. Account 389.4 Other Plant and Miscellaneous Equip.	(862,441)	-	(862,441)	(164,194)	1-		(164,194)	FA	FA
)	(002,441)		(1992,441)	164,194		-	(698,247)	18	(38,792)
Total Treatment and Disposal Plant	(8,832,341)	31,910	(8,800,431)		-	-	(8,800,431)		(384,334)
l 2 General Plant									
3									
4 Account 353.7 Land and Land Rights	(105,731)	7:1	(105,731)		105,731	-	*	N/D_	
5 Total Plant in Service - CIAC	(54,231,950)	53,490	(54,178,460)		105,731	484,137	(53,588,592)		(1,674,062)
7								Per Book	(1,752,603)
8 FA - Fully Amortized								Adjustment 4B	78,541
9 FD - Fully Depreciated								_	
0 N/D - Not Depreciated						Acen	mulated Amortizat	ion as of 12/11/17	21,792,228
						recu			M L 1 / P My M L M

^{** -} A \$22,000 vehicle was disallowed in the last rate case. The Company did not make the adjustments made in the last rate case, but this asset was retired by the Company. The total amount of nonallowables from the last rate case was \$79,311, (\$57,311+\$22,000)

61 * - Will not calculate. Some assets in these categories do not have a full year worth of depreciation or amortization expense left.

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After Accounting & Pro Forma Adjustments

After Accounting & Pro Forms	a Adjustments
	\$ Wastewater Operations
Operating Revenues Operating Expenses	16,440,513 14,112,234
Net Operating Income Before Taxes Less: Annualized Interest Expense	2,328,279 1,779,510
Taxable Income - State State Income Tax %	548,769 5.0%
State Income Taxes Less: State Income Taxes Per Book	27,438 254,210
Adjustment to State Income Taxes	(226,772)
Taxable Income - Federal Federal Income Taxes %	521,331 21.0%
Federal Income Taxes Less: Federal Income Taxes Per Book	109,480 1,790,368
Adjustment to Federal Income Taxes	(1,680,888)
Total Adjustment to Income Taxes	(1,907,660)
After Applicant's Proposed	i Increase
	\$ Wastewater Operations
Operating Revenues Operating Expenses	27,147,980 14,436,046
Net Operating Income Before Taxes Less: Annualized Interest Expense	12,711,934
Taxable Income - State State Income Tax %	10,932,424 5.0%
State Income Taxes Less: State Income Taxes As Adjusted	546,621 27,438
Adjustment to State Income Taxes	519,183
Taxable Income - Federal Federal Income Taxes %	10,385,803 21.0%
Federal Income Taxes Less: Federal Income Taxes As Adjusted	2,181,019 109,480
Adjustment to Federal Income Taxes	2,071,539
Total Adjustment to Income Taxes	2,590,722

Sewer Operations

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		Comital		-	P. A	Application		Income			Proforma Adjustr	Income			roposed Increase	Income	· —
Description	_	Capital Structure	Ratio	_	Rate Base	Embedded Cost/Return	Overall Cost/Return	For Return	Rate Base	Embedded Cost/Return	Overall Cost/Return	For Return	Rate Base	Embedded Cost/Return	Overall Cost/Return	For Return	ΉYΕ
Long-Term Debt Members' Equity	\$	61,615,084 75,307,325	45,00% 55,00%	\$ _	12,674,993 15,491,659	4.84% 24.31%	2.18% \$ 13.37%	613,470 \$ 3,765,890	36,766,733 44,937,118	4.84% -2.95%	2.18% \$ -1.62%	1,779,510 \$ (1,325,992)	36,766,733 44,937,118	4.84% 14.72%	2,18% \$ 8,10%	1,779,510 6,615,115	Ш
Totals	\$	136,922,409	100.00%	s <u>.</u>	28,166,652	1	15.55% \$	4,379,360 \$	81,703,851	-	0.56% \$	453,518 \$	81,703,851		10.28% \$	8,394,625	D -
Original Cost Rate Base: Gross Plant in Service Accumulated Depreciation	pplication Per Books 107,908,933 (44,056,377) 63,852,556	Accounting & Pro Forma Adjustments 39,598,134 11,127,237 50,725,371	After Accounting & Pro Forma Adjustments 147,507,067 (32,929,140) 114,577,927	Propused Increase	After Proposed Increase 147,507,067 (32,929,140) 114,577,927					P	nterest Expense er Books .fter Accounting DRS Adjustment :	_	ustments	Sewer 2,145,274 1,779,510 (365,764)			2018 January 12 1:18 PM - S
Accumulated Amortization of CIAC	(54,231,951) 20,512,111	643,359 1,280,117	(53,588,592) 21,792,228	-	(53,588,592) 21,792,228						fter Accounting		ustments	1,779,510			CPS
Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes Working Capital	(2,705,309) 739,245	647,767 240,585	(2,057,542) 979,830	-	(2,057,542) 979,830					A	fter Proposed In	crease	,	1,779,510			\circ
Total Rate Base	28,166,652	53,537,199	81,703,851		81,703,851					A	djustment			0			- Docket # 2017-228-S - Page 23 of 23

Original Cost Rate Base:	Application Per Books	Accounting & Pro Forma Adjustments	After Accounting & Pro Forma Adjustments	Proposed Increase	After Proposed Increase
Gross Plant in Service	107,908,933	39,598,134	147,507,067	-	147,507,067
Accumulated Depreciation	(44,056,377)	11,127,237	(32,929,140)	-	(32,929,140)
Net Plant in Service	63,852,556	50,725,371	114,577,927		114,577,927
Contributions in Aid of Construction	(54,231,951)	643,359	(53,588,592)	-	(53,588,592)
Accumulated Amortization of CIAC	20,512,111	1,280,117	21,792,228	-	21.792.228
Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes	(2,705,309)	647,767	(2,057,542)	-	(2,057,542)
Working Capital	739,245	240,585	979,830	-	979,830
Total Rate Base	28,166,652	53,537,199	81,703,851		81.703.851

Interest Expense	Sewer
Per Books	2,145,274
After Accounting & Proforma Adjustments	1,779,510
ORS Adjustment #8	(365,764
After Accounting & Proforma Adjustments	1,779,510
After Proposed Increase	1,779,510
Adjustment	()